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Some members of the faculty may be singing "The Empty Pocket Blues," but according to President Owens, NWMSU is "playing catch-up" when it comes to pay rates.

Salaries lower than other schools

by Lori Atkins

Although a recent poll showed last year's professor salaries at NWMSU approximately \$4,000 lower on a national average, President B. D. Owens believes University faculty are "equally well-prepared" in comparison to other universities.

The survey by the American Association of University Professors also revealed that NWMSU full professors were paid the lowest of the four Missouri state universities surveyed.

With salaries lower at NWMSU than in many other universities, there is the possibility that good instructors may be lost to other universities.

According to President Owens, the University has lost "some" good instructors, but a higher salary is not the only reason a faculty member chooses to leave an university.

"Some people prefer this location and setting and the student body," said President Owens. "It's not strictly dollars and cents. There are all kinds of reasons."

Dr. George English, vice-president of academic affairs, agrees with President Owens.

"Other things enter when deciding why they're at an institution--such as the people they work with. The emphasis on money is not necessarily the singular idea," he said.

Dr. Bob Mallory, earth science and geography department chairman, believes the low salaries have not affected the quality and efficiency of his department's staff.

"I don't see anything it's affected," he said. "When I began here, the starting salaries at Harvard were less than here. The salary doesn't determine or play a role in the faculty's abilities."

The low salaries are "nothing new," according to Dr. Mallory.

"We've known it for a long time that the University salaries were not up to par," he said.

However, Dr. Sam Carpenter, chairman of the physics, physical science and chemistry department, believes the salaries have affected his department.

"It certainly affects the hiring of teachers. It's difficult to get a teacher with a post doctorate degree to come here," said Dr. Carpenter.

"But money isn't what makes a teacher work hard. He needs support from the department. Pay helps, but it isn't the overall reason.

"A very good teacher deserves a higher salary. If (the University) can't compete, he'll move on," he said.

"We haven't lost any teachers in this department--we treat them as fellow professionals. They're professional people with a high education," said Dr. Carpenter.

"Last year in the survey," said President Owens, "we were lower in salaries in all categories. That's not particularly good. . . I'd like to see our salaries competitive we put emphasis on it last year and it will continue to be an extremely high priority."

"In general, a person--an outstanding teacher--should be paid comparably to those at Oklahoma State, the University of Nebraska, the University of Missouri-Columbia, etc.," said President Owens. "We're playing catch-up."

However, this game of catch-up will be a gradual change in the instructors' salaries.

"It's not an overnight thing," said President Owens. "At the last session of the General Assembly, we received tremendous support from the Governor's office. We now have to maintain this support."

The lower salaries have not hampered or denied students of receiving a high-level education, according to President Owens.

"Although there are no Pulitzer prize winners in every class, for \$190 a semester, an education at NWMSU is the biggest bargain," he said.

"We have a different faculty mixture than other colleges," said President Owens. "We have a fine teaching faculty with outstanding teachers. In many areas, faculty members are doing as fine a job as can be done."

Salaries at NWMSU are appropriated to positions in the departments, according to Dr. English.

"We allocate monies by positions and not by departments," he said. "Salaries are determined in the hiring process by the head of the department or division and myself," he said.

To insure the teaching quality at NWMSU, a merit system was established last year for faculty members.

"This evaluation includes the teacher's relationship with other people, committees, merit, his personality, and how he interacts with other faculty, etc. There are 10-15 factors considered.

"Merit--his teaching effectiveness--is a very important part of the process, but there is a whole series of variables," said Dr. English, "including his outside activities, his total personality and his or her relationship with the institution..."

Dr. Carpenter also believes a teacher's personality plays a role in the evaluation.

"It's always a role," he said. "It's very difficult to keep it out. If he's mean to everyone, he's probably going to get a lower evaluation.

"But personality doesn't really matter as much as students think," said Carpenter. "Personally, I think teacher's effectiveness is twice as important (for his evaluation)."

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NOTES

Parking permits to go on sale

Parking permits for the spring semester will go on sale Dec. 4. The permits may be purchased for \$5 in the Security Office.

GRADUATION FEES DUE DEC. 8

All December degree candidates need to pay their graduation fees at the cashier window by Dec. 8. The fee for the Bachelor's degree is \$20, and the Master's degree, \$25.

JAZZ GROUPS TO PERFORM

NWMSU's jazz ensemble and jazz combo, directed by William O'Hara, will perform three concerts in area high schools on Dec. 1.

The groups will perform at Cameron High School, Savannah High School and Lafayette High School.

Featured in the concerts will be traditional jazz, Latin selections and rock numbers.

Musical performance set

The University Chorale and University Singers will perform at 3 p.m. Dec. 2. Their performance will include Christmas music.

The free performances will be held in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Fine Arts Building.

BORROWERS should stop by NDSL office

All National Direct Student Loan borrowers who are not returning next semester should stop by the NDSL office before leaving campus.

Blue Key initiates new members

Five NWMSU students were recently initiated into the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity.

They are Chris Dahm, Larry Bunse, Mike Barnes, Shawn Francis and Jim Ingram.

Industrial Arts Club holds CONTEST

Industrial Arts Club is sponsoring an organization emblem contest. Prizes are first place, \$25; second place, \$15; and third place, \$10.

Entries are due Dec. 6 or 7.

ART SALE scheduled

The NWMSU Art Club will sponsor its semi-annual art sale and show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Fine Arts building.

This semester's sale and show will feature painting, drawing, ceramics, fibers, printmaking, sculpture, photography and jewelry by more than 30 students.

SWIM-A-THON TO BE HELD

The Swim Club will hold a swim-a-thon Dec. 7. Students and faculty members can pledge money to any member of the club. The club will also have a meet Dec. 2 against Graceland at home.

SEVENTH FLOOR Phillips sponsors MOVIE

Seventh floor Phillips Hall will sponsor a movie, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. Dec. 6.

The movie will be shown in the Horace Mann Auditorium. Admission is \$.60 per person or couples \$1.00.

STUDENT SENATE MEETING SLATED

The Student Senate will meet at 7:15 p.m. Dec. 5 in Richardson Hall.

MASTER PLANN III TO BE DISCUSSED

A hearing concerning the Missouri Coordinating Board's Master Plan III will be held at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Savannah High School. All interested persons are welcome.

Two student senators, Steve Cipolla and Laura Catron, were elected Nov. 28 to attend this hearing.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SLATED

A leadership conference will be held from 5-10 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Union Ballroom for all interested students.

Wesley CENTER planning ski trip

The Wesley Student Center is planning a skiing trip to Steamboat Springs, Co. The group will leave Feb. 25 and ski for three days. They will stay in a condominium at the foot of the slope and plan to return March 1.

March 1.

The rate for the trip is \$169, which includes everything except food. Cooking facilities will be available.

For more information, contact David Bennett of the Wesley Center at 582-2211.

Students important in evaluation

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The student's evaluation also plays an important part in the teacher's total evaluation. "He (the teacher) must have a fair repertoire with the students," said Mallory. "But student evaluation isn't one thing which weighs more than any other. It is included in the overall evaluation, and it plays a role no greater or no less than the other."

The student evaluation of the teacher is a broad band," said Dr. Carpenter. "It's computerized so it's numbers plus numbers. This helps you pick out the best and the poorest teachers, but the others can't be distinguished."

Since the merit system has been established for only one year, Dr. English is not sure what type of impact the system is having on the upgrading of teaching performance at the University.

"The intent of the system is simple," he said. "It's to reward those who are making a better impact on the institution...and thus strengthen the overall teaching process."

"It will take three to four years before we really begin seeing improvements. It was a decision by the administration and we felt it was a reasonable way to promote good teaching and service in the institution," he said.

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Rudolph will be on campus at 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Charles Johnson Theater.

Rudolph will lecture on her Olympic experiences. She will discuss the continuing debate over amateur vs. professional athletes competing in the Olympics and the commercialization of the Olympic champions. Rudolph will also talk about her own career and the difficulties she encountered to achieve success.

Rudolph was the first woman to win three gold medals, to be named Woman Athlete of the Year two consecutive years and Sports Woman of the Year by European Sports Writers. She has received the James E. Sullivan Award for the year's most outstanding amateur athlete and has been selected by the U.S. State Department to be America's Good Will Ambassador to West Africa.

When not on the lecture circuit, Rudolph's activities are centered in the area of sports and working with young people. She has worked with the Special Olympics and served on the Board of Directors of Operation Champ, a community action program designed for youths. She has also taught physical education at all levels from elementary school through college.

Her book, *Wilma*, has been made into a movie starring Cicely Tyson and Rudolph.

Rudolph's lecture is sponsored by the NWMSU Performing Arts Committee. Admission is free.



Wilma Rudolph overcame polio to go on and win four Olympic medals. She is the first

woman to win three gold medals.

Student rep may serve on Board of Regents

by Suzie Zillner

Plans to review the possibility of including a student on the Board of Regents were recently resumed at the Missouri Collegiate Student Government Association (MCSGA) meeting.

In the past, several universities, including NWMSU, have tried to initiate a drive for a student Board of Regents member. But each school has failed, said Greg Hatten, NWMSU executive board member.

In late January, the executive board members of the MCSGA will meet and discuss the different suggestions. From those ideas, the board will devise a plan and submit it to the general assembly meeting at Cape Girardeau in the spring. The general assembly participants will then introduce the plan to the students of their university.

"After that, we'll just have to go from the students' reactions," Hatten said.

Several universities, including NWMSU, have tried, but all have failed.

In 1976, Senator Harry Wiggins introduced Senate Bill Number 15 (which called for a student's appointment) to the Senate Committee, Darrell Zellers, Student Senate president said. The bill, however, failed to pass the committee because of lack of interest.

The reason the bill failed, Hatten said, was because the universities weren't working together.

"It's a difficult undertaking for a single university, but if we can spearhead an organized push with all the schools involved, we'll have a much better chance," he said. "That's what the MCSGA is working toward."

After the MCSGA session ended in November, each university was asked to devise their own plan for organizing a state drive, Hatten said.

Hatten sees both advantages and disadvantages in including a student on the Board of Regents.

"One major problem is the six-year term of a board member," he said. "In that case, the governor would almost have to appoint a freshman." He said a freshman wouldn't have the experience or knowledge to make wise decisions.

"A solution to the problem would be to shorten the term to two years so an older student could be appointed, but that would create a lot of red tape for the governor everytime he turned around," Hatten said.

"It would be beneficial to have student input because the Board deals with university policy and regulations which directly affect students' lives. I question, however, the effectiveness of the student

Board members currently serve long terms. In that time, they know the ins and outs of things. If a student comes in fresh with no previous experience, the type of decisions that are made would be way above the average students head," Hatten said.

Zellers also expressed pros and cons of the possibility of a student Board member.

In addition to the term length problem, Zellers said the board members should not be directly related to the university.

"If you were to let a student on the board, wouldn't the faculty have the same right?" asked Zellers.

"It can be meaningful to school's whose Board meetings are closed and are more aggressive than they should be. I don't see the appointment that advantageous for NWMSU because our Board of Regents is

"They said the students weren't distracting, but they didn't add much either," Cox said.

"If I were governor, I'd appoint one or two students on a trial basis to see if it worked out," he said.

President B.D. Owens is not in favor of having a student on the Board.

"I think the important aspect here is student involvement and policy recommending, which is fine," he said. "It has been a long-standing tradition at NWMSU. But a serious conflict appears when a student, who has no experience and little understanding of the problems that exist, is appointed to the Board."

"This is a very open university and anyone who wants to become involved, can. It's out of frustration that larger schools need to have the most impact of

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very approving. We have excellent communication with them," Zellers said, noting that any student can sit in on the meetings and in most cases will be recognized.

State Senator Hardin Cox had mixed feelings on the issue. "There is nothing in the law that says the governor can't appoint a student on the Board of Regents today. I would prefer this to happen," he said.

He said that he had talked with private college administrators who had students on their coordinating boards.

policy making from the Board of Regents."

President Owens also said the student board member would have considerable conflict of interest and pressure from his peer group.

The possibility of having a student Board Member seems to have both advantages and disadvantages. No action will take place, however, until the MCSGA executive board members meet in January to discuss the possibility.

Spring semester fees to be paid at verification

Fees will be paid during the verification/registration process as was done for the Fall 1978 semester.

The regular dates for payment of fees will be January 4 and 5 in Lamkin Gymnasium. Fees may also be paid in advance or on the morning of January 6.

If students wish to pay in advance, they are encouraged to pay by December 8.

Registration is not complete until all appropriate fees are paid. These include all of the following fees; incidental fee, textbook fee, miscellaneous fees and at least the first installment on room and/or board contracts. Enrollment must be cancelled if pre-registered students have not paid fees by noon January 6. Students

not pre-registered will not be allowed to enroll until fees are paid.

Last fall some problems occurred with Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) and other financial aid applications. It was necessary to extend the due date in some cases. These problems should be resolved by now since aid is usually granted on a full academic year basis. University Treasurer Don Henry, will be available during the verification/registration period to rule on any exceptional cases. If you wish to receive an extension of time due to exceptional circumstances, you must present documentation stating the expected amount of aid forthcoming as well as the anticipated

date of receipt. In the case of an extension of time due to exceptional circumstances, students will be subject to late fees and registration will not be considered to be finalized until the fees are paid.

Although there will be assessors available to help students determine what fees must be paid, it is the student's responsibility to see that the fees assessed are correct. Students must be aware of residency status and graduate/undergraduate classification, what meal contract and/or room contract was signed. If discrepancies in billing are not cleared up or if misinformation is given to the assessor causing a balance to be due, you will be charged a late fee.

It is also the student's responsibility to pay immediately for any actions which increase the amount originally billed. These include added classes for the part-time student, adding fee bearing courses and upward changes in room and/or board contracts.

These changes will now be processed until a paid receipt is presented to the appropriate office, i.e. Registrar for additional classes, Housing for a room change and Food Service for up-grading a meal plan. This procedure also applies to any contracts processed after January 6. Meal cards and room keys will not be issued until payment has been received. Any charges occurring after noon January 6 will be subject to late fees.

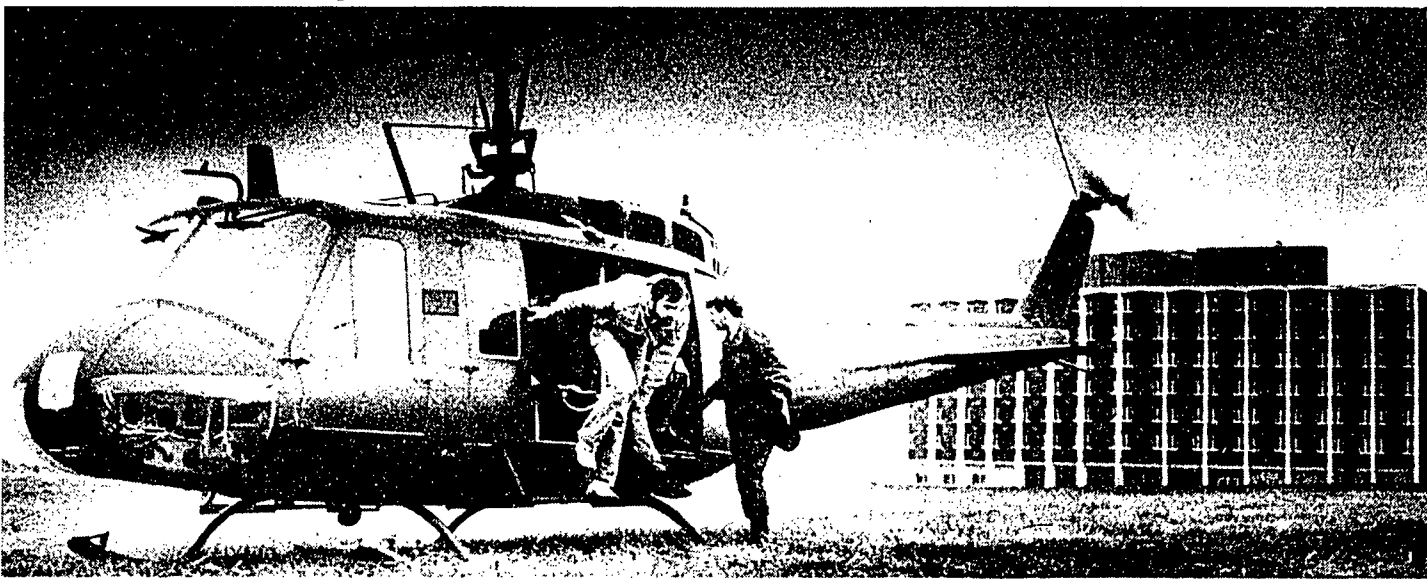


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Maj. Rob Sauve, assistant professor of military science, assists senior Mike Lassiter from a Fort Leavenworth UH-1 following a recent orientation flight. More than 45 students participated in the ROTC-sponsored flights during National Security Week.

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Campus Security has classified the campus into three categories for priority snow removal.

Major roads through campus, sidewalks to the dining areas and staff parking lots receive top priority. Sidewalks to the other buildings are cleared next, according to Earl Brailey, director of Campus Security.

"If we open up major tributaries where we can get to the dorms in

case of an emergency, or the students can get out to eat--those come first. Then we open up educational facilities," he said.

Minor sidewalks and resident parking lots will be cleared last.

Clearing the parking lots requires the cooperation of the students by moving their cars temporarily to another lot.

Brailey said Security officers will

usually be present when cars have to be relocated.

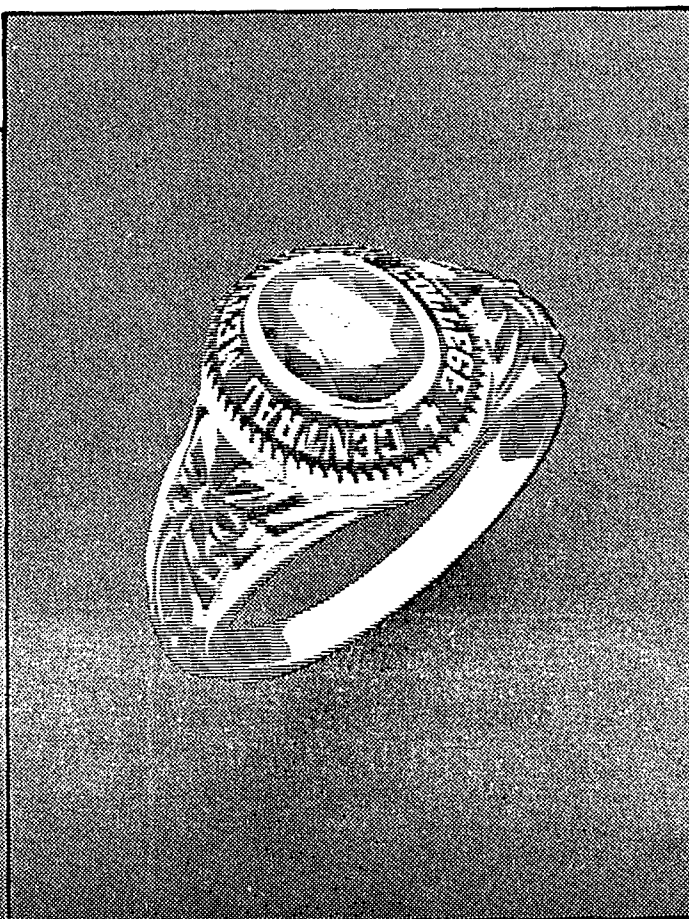
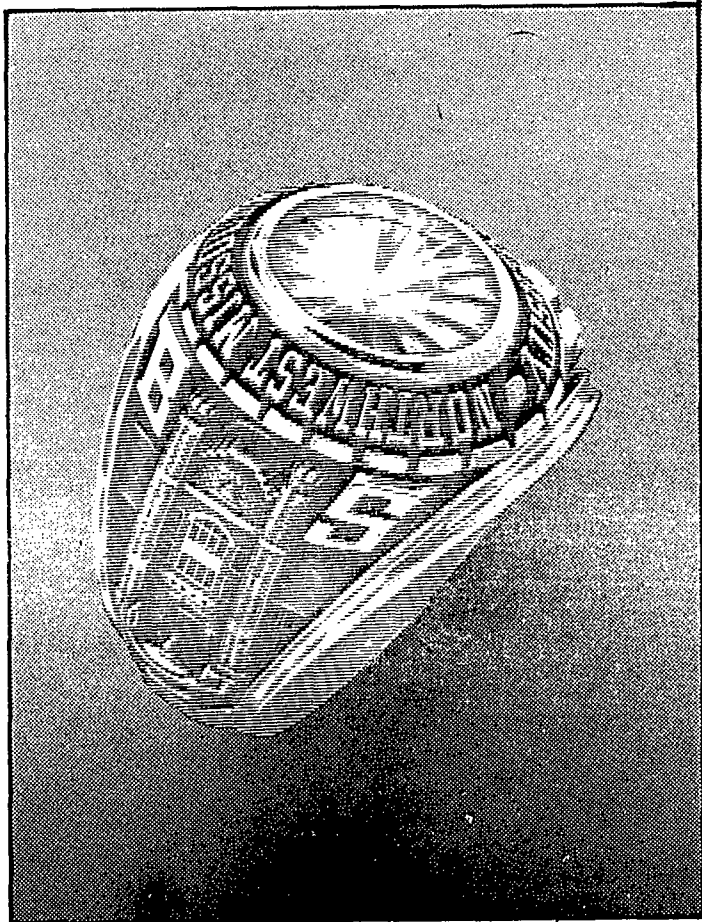
Brailey also cautions against driving in severe weather or before roads through campus are cleared.

"One thing we will ask when there is a major snowstorm is that people do not use their cars unless it is absolutely necessary," he said.

In a major snowstorm, Brailey said Security may have to call on the students for their cooperation.

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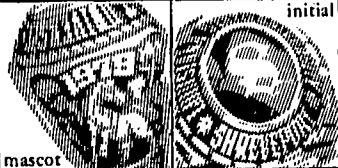
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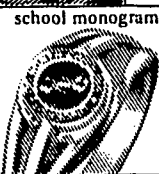
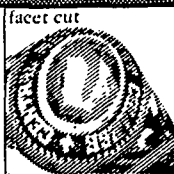
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M-Club reactivated after 14 years

by Lori Atkins

After about 14 years of absence from the NWMSU campus, the M-Club, the Bearcat lettermen's club, has been reactivated with co-sponsors Coach Richard Flanagan and Sherri Reeves, director of women's athletics.

"Traditionally the M-Club has been a strong organization," said Flanagan. "They had a vigorous initiation and they controlled the freshman hazing."

"The athletes were the king dogs. But times have changed and we're not anticipating doing all that. We just want to be a strong organization with all of our energies directed," he said.

To be a member, a student must have won a letter in one of the NWMSU sports and must sign an agreement that he will participate in two workdays for the organization. These workdays either bring proceeds back into the organization or are

used for charitable functions.

"We're very active on campus," said Flanagan. "We provided escorts for the Muscular Dystrophy dance marathon and we're sponsoring an athletic awards banquet Dec. 3 in the ballroom of the Student Union."

The banquet is open to all members of the M-Club, the new fall lettermen and coaches.

Members of the Kiwanis, Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Booster Club are also invited to attend.

Special awards will be presented to the letter winners at the banquet, including special recognition. Coaches of each sport will make the presentation of letters to their own athletes.

"The M-Club will determine what will be given (at the banquet) by voting membership of the club," said Flanagan.

Kirk Mathews, Bearcat quarterback, will emcee the event.

If a student joins the club, he receives an athletic jacket furnished by the M-Club.

The club will hold another athletic banquet in the spring to honor the athletes of the winter sports.

Including the jackets and the two awards banquets, the club will spend approximately \$7,000 for awards this year, which puts a serious financial bind on the group, according to Flanagan.

"We're deeply in debt," he said. "It's a financial responsibility. We have control of concessions at all sports events and we receive half of the profit made at the concessions for cleaning and setting up."

"We also get the proceeds from program sales, and we're planning an organizational money-making project," he said.

The M-Club hopes to incorporate alumni members into the organization with sustaining memberships. By doing this, the club would gain their support, including financial help. The alumni could

also help in recruiting new athletes to NWMSU.

Flanagan believes the M-Club will form a unity among the men and women athletes.

"It's a really good co-operative," he said. "It's a very unifying experience for men's and women's athletics. Although the two groups have merged for three of four years, we're striving for a true merger this year."

He also believes the club will progress and regain the high position it once held on campus.

"We're floundering and embryonic now, but in two or three years we'll be a strong organization on campus," said Flanagan. "We have true strength and power from many academic areas."

"We're not trying to isolate the athletes from the student body," he explained. "We're just trying to let people become aware of the athletes."

Senate considers changes

by Suzanne Cruzen

Off-campus representation on Student Senate will be set at three students if the Senate accepts the proposed Constitution revisions.

Presented by the Student Affairs Committee at the Nov. 28 Senate meeting, this revision is only one of many changes that may be made in the Constitution of the Student Government Association. The entire Constitution should be revised in January. Then it must meet the approval of the entire Senate.

"The revised constitution will eliminate a lot of the problems we have faced," said Committee Chairman Shawn Francis.

One of these problems was the election of the off-campus senators.

The Constitution now provides for one representative for each 300 off-campus students (Article IV Section 2 D). The by-laws say that off-campus students "must vote for the appropriate number of senators in the ratio determined by the F.T.E. formula," (Article III* Section 3E).

The revised constitution would not consider the F.T.E. formula or number of off-campus students.

It would also be more consistent with class representation, said Francis.

Although the number of off-campus students varies yearly, the committee believes the revision of a set representation of three off-campus students will be consistent with the academic class representation—a figure that also changes yearly.

"There is a set number for the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior representation," Francis said. "Off-campus students are not going to be squeezed out of any representation. We're just setting a number."

Other changes include the elimination of the restriction of two Student Senate advisors.

The revised Constitution (Article IV Section 3B) provides for "at least two representatives of the faculty who will act as advisors."

"If we could get more people from the faculty, we would really like that," said Francis. "We don't want to restrict those who are interested."

Other changes include clerical errors, dropping of the corresponding secretary from the list of appointed officers (Article IV, Section 5) and the addition of "promoting the Student Bill of Rights" as one of the purposes of the Student Government Association (Article II).

Committee seeks director

by Doug Geer

One of the most popular activities on the campus of NWMSU may be the intramural program. Every year some 2,500 students participate in intramural sports.

For the past several years, the student Senate has been looking at the possibility of getting a permanent intramural director. This year is no exception. There are several reasons for instituting a permanent director, according to Senate President Darrel Zellars.

"There is a lot of participation in intramurals and it is becoming quite involved," Zellars said. "Because of the increase in participation, there needs to be more planning ahead. Not a week, month or six months, but possibly a year in advance. With a full time director this could be standardized."

"A full time director would be the best way to solve the problems," agreed Senator Don Santoyo.

"A permanent director would be able to plan ahead and know what is going on six months to a year ahead of time. Almost every year a new guy takes over and has no records from the year before. Consistency would solve a lot of the problems," Santoyo said.

The Student Senate believes the University should look for a way to improve the program. The Senate has sent a report to Jean Kenner of the Budget Committee. She sets the budget priorities for each department. The report contains several reasons why the Senate believes there is a need for a permanent Intramural Director.

"If we are going to stay in competition with other schools, we need to develop a strong intramural program," said Zellars. "A strong intramurals program can get school spirit up and this can carry over to inter-scholastic athletics at Northwest. A permanent director could refine and perfect our intramural program."

"This year's program has run smoother, says Sig Tau member Jeff Trotter. "It is more organized and we knew more ahead of time what the schedules were so we could work on them. He (Jacobs) cooperates with everybody and he goes to a lot of trouble. He does a totally better job than before."



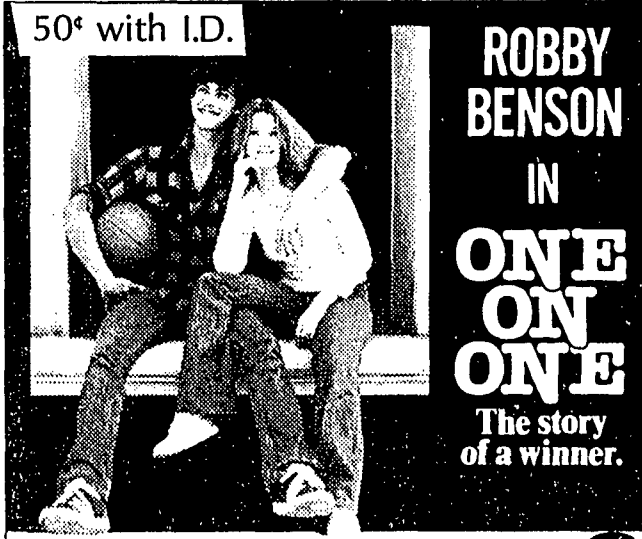
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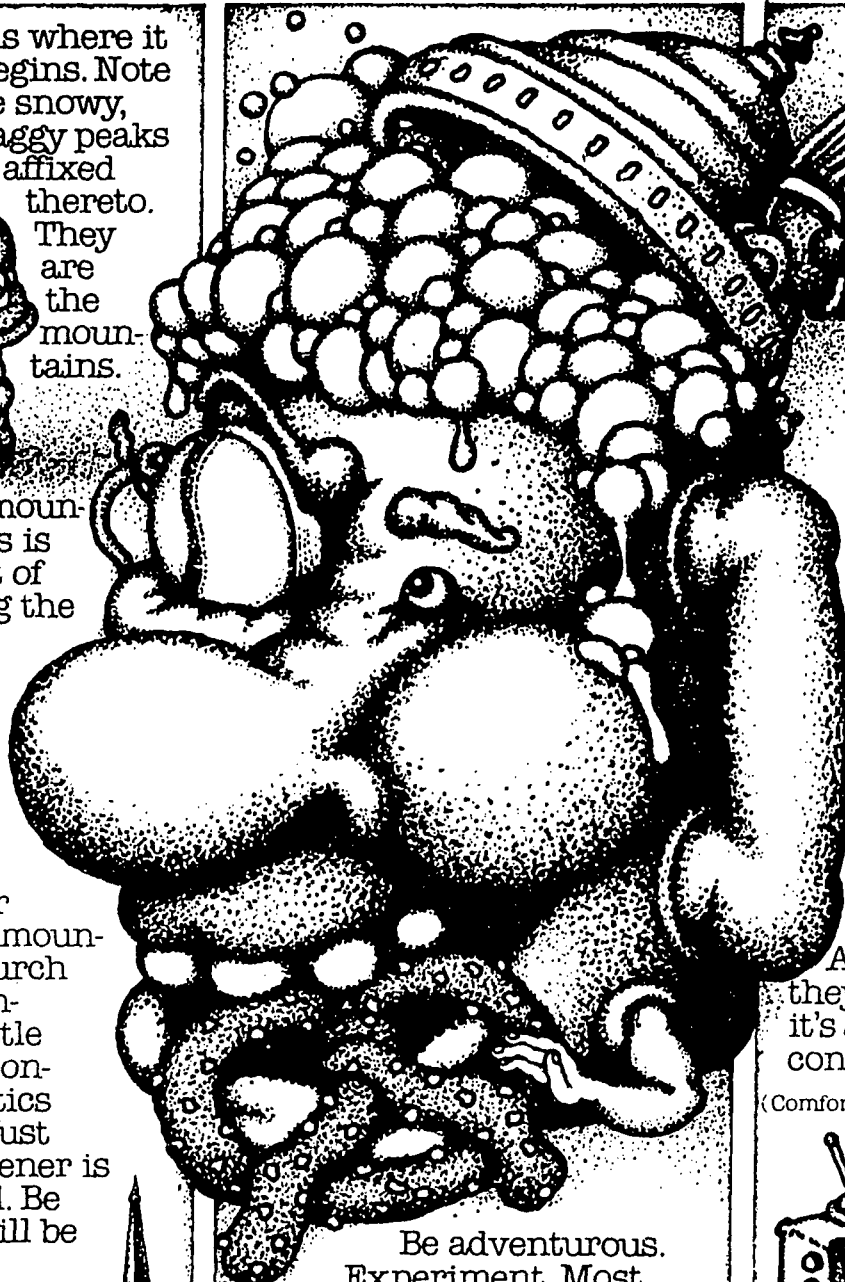
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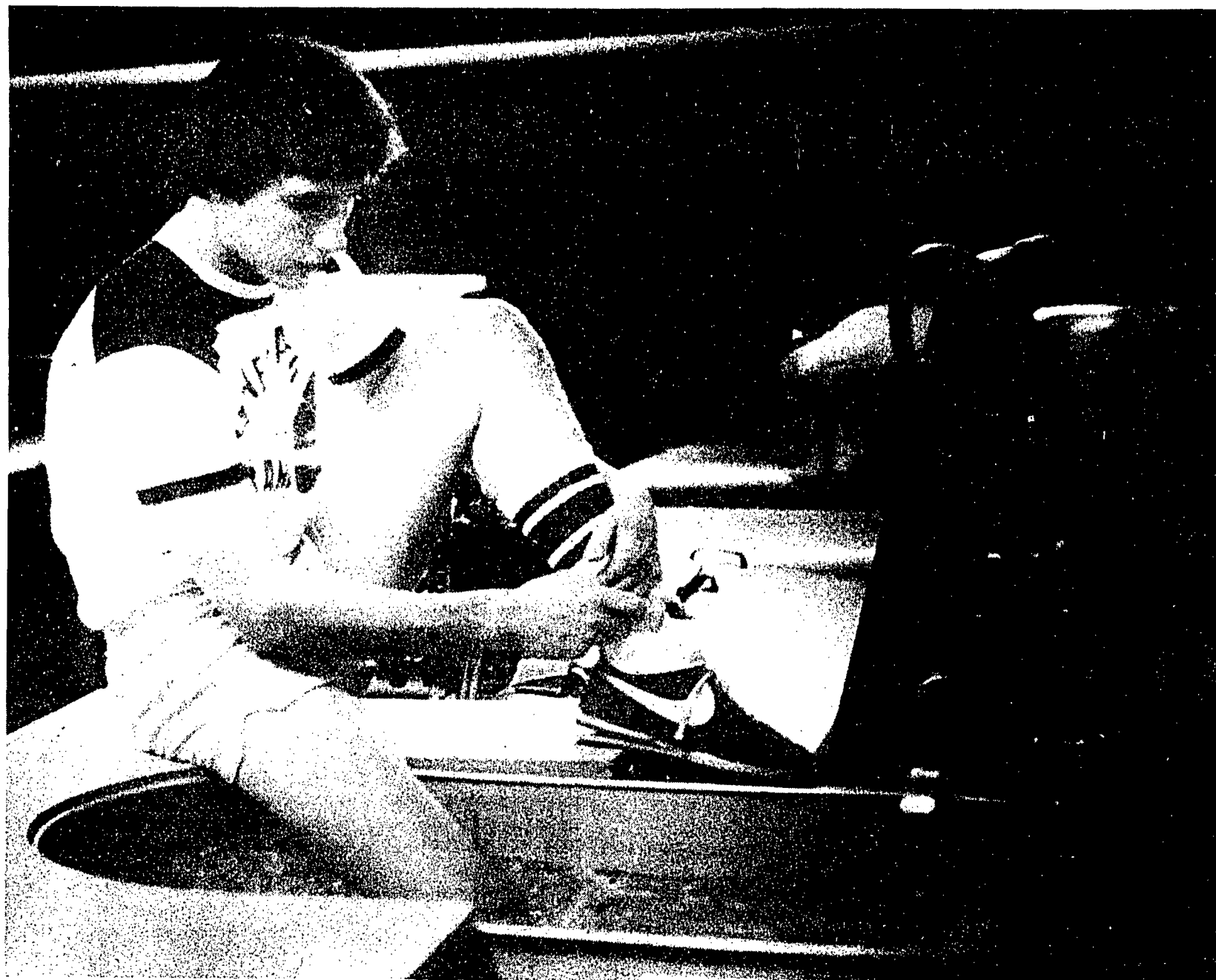
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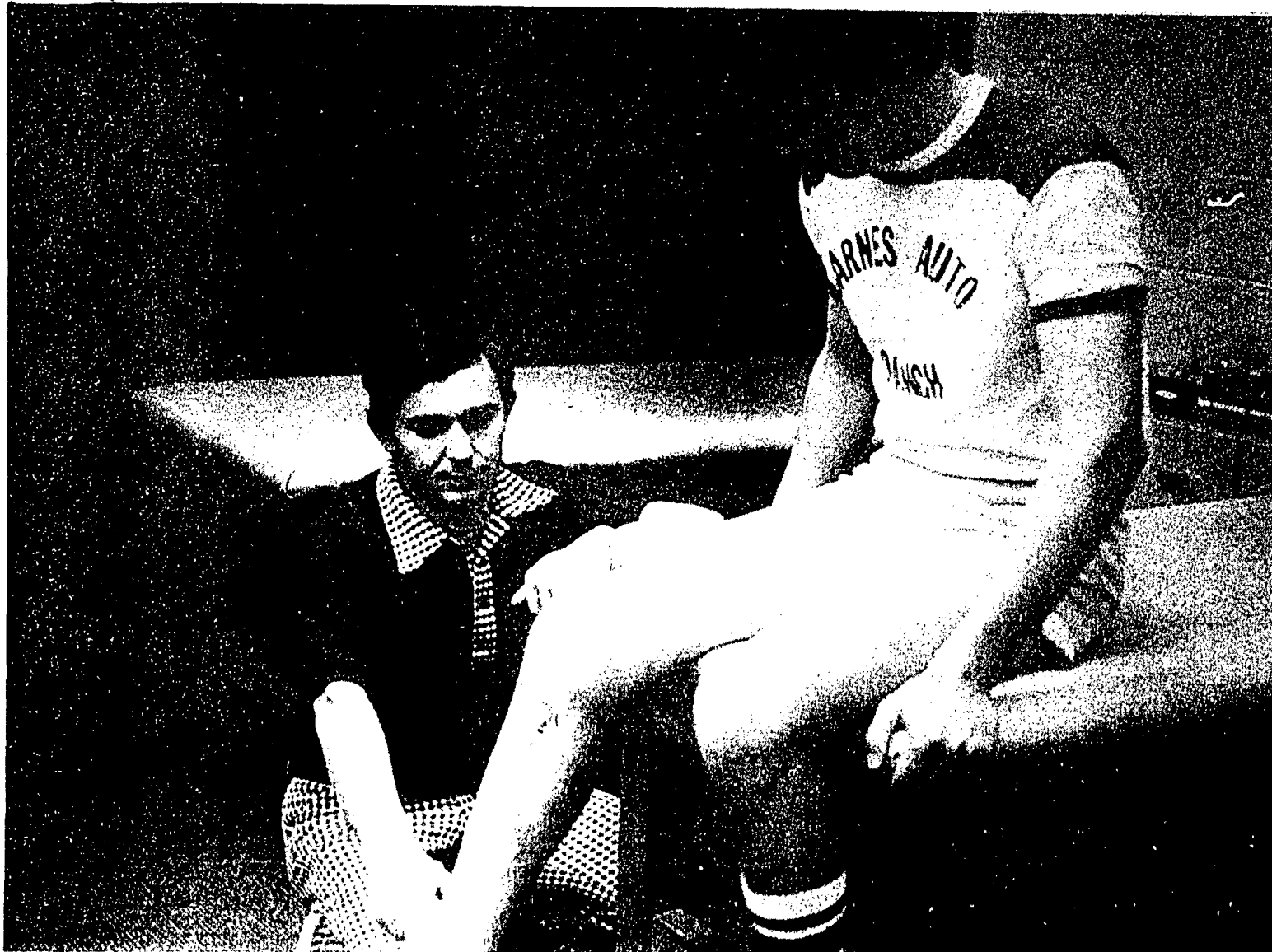
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The rehabilitation process is a monotonous one as several long hours every week are spent in the training room. Tim Bodine whiles the time away staring complacently into the rushing waters of the whirlpool.



Directing a rehabilitation program can be a difficult and complicated process—one that required a considerable amount of know how and experience. Sandy Miller fits the mold well as he surveys the progress of rehab Tim Bodine.

Playing the game of recovery

Injured athletes face rehabilitation

An aching, silent vigil from the sidelines is what the game of football is to the injured athlete. His crutch-laden stature is a grim testimony of the havoc that violent physical contact can quickly create. But the injured play a different ball game in the training room.

Injuries are a part of the game, as the cliché goes, and so is putting the downfallen athlete back on his feet.

Putting the "humpty dumpty" back together again is the task of Sandy Miller, who is in his fourth year as the head athletic trainer at NWMSU. Miller is assisted by a seven-member staff, which includes one graduate assistant and six student trainers.

The difficulty of his task has been lessened recently with the acquisition of a new injury rehabilitation machine, known as the Orthotron isolated joint isokinetic system. It is more simply referred to as the Orthotron.

Plans for the purchase of the Orthotron, which costs about \$1,800, had been in the works for quite some time, according to Miller, but a lack of sufficient funds had prevented the training department from adding the machine to their list of rehabilitation tools.

The hydraulically-operated machine is both a rehabilitation and testing device. It's able to aid in the repair of injured leg and shoulder joints, but can also be used to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the knees, shoulders and ankles. The function of the machine, thus far, has centered on the rehabilitation of severe knee injuries.

"The machine is isokinetic—that means there's no weight involved," said Miller. "You're pushing against your weight." He believes the main advantage this model has over others of similar brands is that it "can measure strength for a full range of motion."

The machine is very precise and we get a good indication of progress day by day," said Miller.

"Of course, there is more to the rehabilitation process than this machine," said Miller, "but it is an integral part of our program."

The use of the Orthotron is just a portion of the painful recovery schedule confronting the injured athlete, or "rehab" as Miller refers to them. The complete recovery process can take from six months to a year, depending on the severity of the injury.

There was a noticeable overabundance of severe knee complications incurred by Bearcat footballers during the 1978 campaign. At the present time, only victims of knee injuries are on the Orthotron on a steady basis. There were knee surgeries during the season and one prior to the start of the season. That is the most knee injuries Miller has encountered since he took over as head trainer in 1974.

"That's the most knee-related injuries we've had since I've been here. I guess fate finally caught up with us," said Miller.

Following surgery, the rehab is presented with a painful and monotonous road to recovery. His effort to come back entails many hours in the training room using the Orthotron or any of the other various rehabilitation devices, such as the well-known whirlpool or various other healing and conditioning exercises.

After removing the stitches or the cast, the rehab undergoes isometric routines, usually on his own. This continues until the disabled leg can obtain a full range of motion. That simply means that the injured limb has to accomplish action nearly equal to that of the healthy leg. Full range of motion is determined by tests on the Orthotron.

Once a full range of motion has been achieved, the rehab aches into the monotony of a regular recovery routine. He spends from 40 minutes to an hour a day lying on the training table, sweating it out in the whirlpool, or grimacing through Orthotron exercises. The routine grinds on until rehabs get stronger and show marked improvement, according to Miller. Individual progress is recorded

on a day-to-day basis by Miller and members on his training staff.

At this time, Miller has seven athletes on his rehabilitation list. All are Bearcat footballers, although athletes involved in other sports have access to the rehab program.

The seven on the rehab roster are: Chuck Prow, Brian Michaels, Shawn Francis, Steve Anderson, Tim Bodine, Steve Alley, Ken Johnson and Matt Borgard. Prow, Alley and Johnson are the only rehabs currently using the machine as a part of their program. The other rehabs will experience the power of the Orthotron as soon as their limbs accomplish a suitable range of motion.

The routine might get dull and laborious, but most of the rehabs are glad they are picking themselves back up.

Ken Johnson has a positive attitude toward his recovery program and is pleased with the performance of the Orthotron.

"It works pretty well and makes the legs feel really good and doesn't hurt much at all," he said. "The routine does get kind of boring, but I want to play football and this is the only way I can do it."

Though the Orthotron's main purpose is to mend injuries, it can also serve as a dose of preventive medicine. By testing leg and shoulder joints, muscular imperfections can be revealed that could multiply the possibility of serious injury.

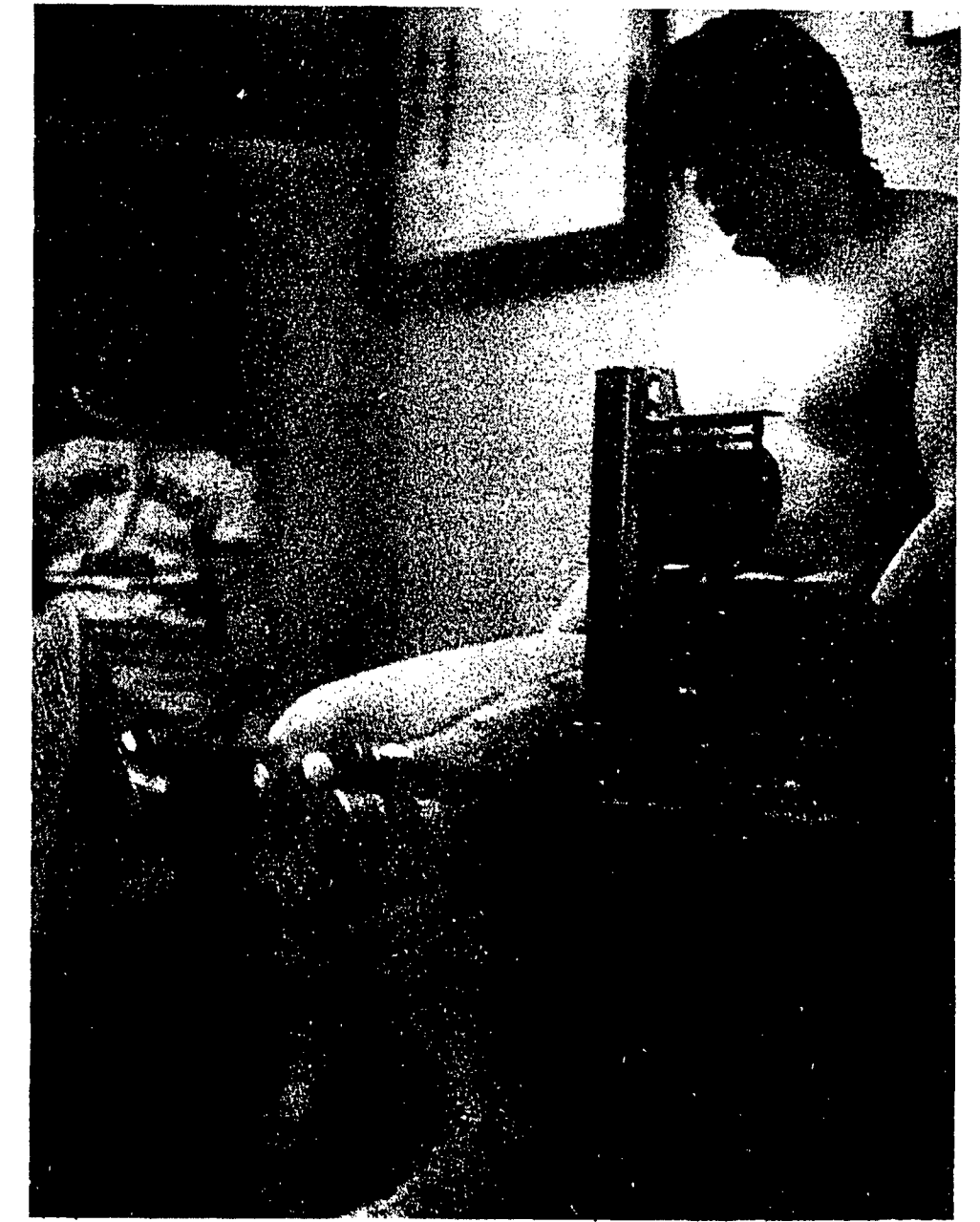
"In testing, the machine shows flaws between the correlations of various muscles," said Miller.

He said that in order for muscles to be fit to avoid injury, they need to match each other in the areas of strength, endurance and power. If those flaws can be detected and corrected, the possibility of injury will likely decrease.

"We'll test all football players on it during the off season," he said. "Hopefully we can head off unnecessary leg injuries by finding flaws in muscle strengths."



Knee injuries and the subsequent surgery take a toll, leaving jagged scars. Rehab Bodine looks over his scar.



Though the Orthotron exercises are essentially painless to the afflicted areas, a great amount of mental strain is encountered by rehabs. Ken Johnson grits his way through another rigorous routine on the newly acquired isokinetic machine.

Centerspread by Ben Holder

\$9,374 is raised at marathon

by Janice Corder

Raising \$9,374 in the Muscular Dystrophy Dance Marathon, 34 out of 41 couples completed the 25-hour marathon at Lamkin Gym.

The marathon, sponsored by Millikan Hall, started at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 24 and ended at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25. Kathy Adkins and Sarah Sheets were co-chairpersons for the event which was an hour longer than last year's first dancathon. Traditionally, one hour is added to the marathon each year.

"We had almost double the number of couples from last year," said Sheets. "Sixty-eight people finishing is really a good ratio."

Oct. 24, IRC held a Casino Night, donating over \$500 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. State Representative Everett W. Brown of Maryville, honorary chairman of the event, presented Sheets and Adkins with a personal check of \$100, also going toward the Dancathon.

Dancing for 25 hours could cause problems for the dancers. Adkins and Sheets agreed that the most difficult time was Saturday morning.

"Once people got past lunch, they could

see the end, and things picked up," said Sheets.

"We'd throw out frisbees or balloons when they looked tired," said Adkins.

Contests were also held during the dancathon to keep interest. Randy Harris was champion cupcake eater, Steve Cipola was champion bubble gum bubble blower, Deb Noonan was champion nail driver and champion kisser with Mike Lassiter, and Gary Nigh won the button sewing title.

According to Adkins and Sheets, spectators were a big help in a dance marathon.

"We had more spectators than last year, but if we'd had even more it would've helped the dancers," said Sheets.

The most crowded times during the event were Friday night and Saturday afternoon near the close of the dancathon.

"By the end the dancers were doing all kinds of crazy dances. They really put on a show for the crowds," said Adkins.

One problem encountered by the dancers was not being in the right kind of shape for a dance marathon.

"You can't go out there and expect your body to dance 25 hours with no training,"

said Sheets. "But overall, the dancers' enthusiasm was really great. When some of them would get down others would help."

Planning for this year's dancathon began last winter, but most of the work started this fall for Millikan sponsors. Planning was done by ten committees, headed by Millikan women.

The committee co-chairwomen were Becky Shaver, Cindy Cavanaugh, Beth Hegeman, Sharon Golden, Pam Conrick,

Kathy Black, Libby Lyon, Julie Williams, Renae Denton, Tammy Briggs, Keri Andersen, Tina Haley, Bonita Waller, Julie Berkey, Joy Smeby, Mary Kay O'Connell, Nancy Mathison, Becky Larson, Deanne Simmons and Deb Huston.

Planning for next year's dancathon has already begun.

This weekend, Adkins and Sheets will attend a Muscular Dystrophy convention in Peoria, Ill. They will attend workshops on finance, recruitment, special events and other fund-raising events.

Journalists receive award

The NWMSU Society of Collegiate Journalism Honorary Organization recently received the Edward E. McDonald Chapter Achievement Award.

"We were tickled we got the award because last year was the first year we reactivated our chapter into the national organization," said President Laura Widmer.

The chapter sponsored a Journalism Day last year which featured four Pulitzer prize winners and two \$100 scholarships.

"We presented a good Journalism Day last year which probably had a lot to do with us receiving the award," said Widmer. "If things go as planned, we will have a program this year as good as last year."

The chapter also participated in an

"Almost Anything Goes," and a "First Annual Publication Roast," for the *Missourian* and Tower staffs.

"The award was mentioned at the Associated Collegiate Press national convention, a convention we recently attended in Houston," said Widmer. "This just gave us an inspiration to do more this year."

"It's nice to receive a national award, but we're more of a service to the college students and feel we should aim at recruiting high school students," said Widmer. "We are really surprised that we won the award because there are so many chapters in the nation. We were confident that we served our organization well, but we didn't know how we compared to others."

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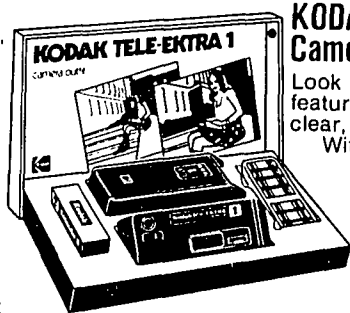
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Cole Tuckey presents a variety of musical style--a fusion of contemporary rock, soft rock, country rock/swing, blue, grass and jazz & blues. The band has also performed or toured with such artists as Brewer & Shipley, Kenny Loggins, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Ozark Mountain Daredevils, Bonnie Raitt, Jimmie Speeris and Taj Mahal.

Members of the band are: Janet Jameson, vocals, violin and mandolin; Allen Weiss, vocals, guitar and piano; Paul "Weasel" Dalen, vocals, guitar and flute; Jim Harlow, vocals and keyboards; Bill Brennan, percussion and David Grunt, vocals and bass guitar.

Admission is free.



United Way Fund Drive tops goal

This year as in the past ten years, Northwest Missouri State University participated in the United Way Fund Drive. The goal set for the University was \$4,000. That goal was surpassed when a total of \$5,087.16 was collected.

Frank Grispino, University division chairman, was pleased with the results. "This is the largest amount ever contributed at NWMSU."

The drive officially began Oct. 4, 1978 and ended on Nov. 9. The United Way of Nodaway County is a program which provides citizens with a one-time per year campaign to raise money for 14 charitable or service-oriented agencies serving the county.

The University was split up into

emphasis units. These included: Administration, Applied Science and Agriculture, Behavioral Science, Buildings and Grounds, Business, Communications, Education, Fine Arts, Health, P.E. and Recreation, History and Humanities, Housing, Learning Resources, Math and Computer Science, Retired Faculty, Sciences, Sigma Tau Gamma (Basketball Dribble), Students and Union Building.

Twelve out of these 16 units went beyond their individual goals with Behavioral Science heading the list by being 163 percent over their goal. The Administration was top in donations with a total of \$1171 collected.

The goal for the county was \$44,500. At the official ending of the drive, the total

donations were \$5,300 short of its goal. At that time, the University Division and three other divisions had not reported their complete results. Along with these other divisions, the \$5087.16 donated by NWMSU helped to put the county goal over the top.

"I'm thrilled at the tremendous response that I got from the faculty, students, administration and staff here," said Grispino. "The cooperation that I received from those who helped with this campaign was tremendous. The University community should be proud of their contributions to this cause."

The students unit, under the coordination of Larry Bunse, donated a total of \$287.16. This amount was 43 percent over their estimated goal.

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NWMSU senior Bob Walkenhorst enjoys the art of painting. "Art is the process of experiencing and learning," he said. Walkenhorst will graduate next semester and hopes to continue in the field of art.

Art is 'feeling life'

by Lori Atkins

Art is "feeling life" for NWMSU senior Bob Walkenhorst.

Walkenhorst, a 25-year-old from Norborne, Mo., has had a life-long interest in art as well as music.

"It's like writing or talking. You know it all your life and you just try to get better," he said.

"Visual arts are like a language. Art is the total thing, with no separation. But fine arts is more focused. They are all an expression of a human being," said Walkenhorst. "It's a personal experience--feeling life."

He recently painted a picture of the Forsyth house, a Maryville landmark which was torn down to provide room for the First Midwest Bank.

"It was a landmark of the town," said Walkenhorst. "It was a recognized spot. A bank in St. Joseph, Mo., bought the property."

"There was a lot of public sentiment about it," he said. "So the bank contacted the art department and I was chosen to paint it. It was a memorial of the house."

Although Walkenhorst received money for the painting, he believes commissions are not what art is all about.

"Beginning artists really like it. But to other artists, it's compromising their direction. It's like selling out," said Walkenhorst.

"Commissions shouldn't affect art. If you let your interests be swayed, you should be doing something else. But it becomes a subconscious thing. People start thinking about what pictures will sell the best," he said.

The Christmas formal, sponsored by Inter-Residence Council, has been scheduled for 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 4 in the new Union Ballroom.

"We are requiring formal clothes. No one will be admitted without them," said Craig Archibald, social chairman for IRC.

Blackberry Winter, who performed for last year's dance, will provide the music for the dance.

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'Cats win thriller

'Cats, 'Kittens post spotless records

After 50 minutes of play, the Bearcat basketball team topped the University of Missouri-Kansas City 82-80 in double overtime Nov. 28.

"I'm really excited we won," Coach Larry Holley said, "It was a big win for our players."

Regulation play ended with a 67-67 tie. The first overtime was deadlocked at 73.

In the second overtime period, the game seesawed until Pete Olsen gathered in an offensive rebound and scored, putting the 'Cats on top 81-80. Crale Bauer added a free throw to make the score 82-80.

Then came the last five seconds.

With a Northwest crowd counting the clock down, UMKC guard Vinnie Gayle threw up a shot with five seconds remaining. Bearcat Jeff Levetzow got the rebound and a foul was whistled on an UMKC player. The referees though, thinking time had run out, called the game. While the 'Cats and their fans were celebrating on the court, the final seconds ticked off the clock.

"It was complete mass confusion," Holley said, "The game didn't end the way it should have. The referees should have put five seconds back on the clock and let Jeff shoot the free throws."

With 14 second-half points center Russ Miller topped all 'Cat scores with 16. Olsen added 14 while Bauer had 12.

With this victory the 'Cats kept their record unblemished as they now stand at 3-0.

The Bearkitten basketball team also kept their record perfect this weekend as they topped an eight-team field and captured first place at the Southwest Missouri State University Turkey Tournament.

The 'Kittens remained undefeated as



Photo by Jim MacNeil

While Mark Adams watches on, Russ Miller defends against UMKC's John Wayne. Wayne scored on this play but it was not enough as the 'Cats defeated UMKC in double overtime 82-80 in

Tuesday night's game. The 'Cats will take their 3-0 record into the Ryland Milner Tournament this weekend.

they beat Southern-Illinois-Carbondale 64-63 for the title.

The Bearkittens, in their sixth appearance at the tournament, got to the championship game by beating Oklahoma 74-44 in first-round action and then by edging Nebraska-Omaha 54-43 in the semifinals.

Guard Julie Schmitz, the 'Kittens only all-tournament member, led the team with

22 points in the championship game. Julie Chadwick followed with 13 and led the team in rebounds with 11. Suzie Livengood followed with 10 points.

In the Oklahoma game, Patty Painter was the team's leading scorer with 14 points and Chadwick added 11.

Chadwick was again among the 'Kittens leading scorers in the Nebraska-Omaha game. She led the team with 14 points while Schmitz followed with 12.

The 'Kittens will be trying to post another tournament championship as they

host the Ryland Milner Invitational Tournament Dec 1 and 2. Tarkio, Wayne State and Missouri Southern are the other squads participating in the tournament.

"We haven't seen any of the schools play this year, so we really don't know what to expect," Coach John Poulson said.

Along with the 'Kittens, the Bearcats will also play host to three teams in the Milner Tournament. Bellevue, Monmouth and Dana will be the other competing teams.

"We expect two tough games this weekend," Holley said. "We are going to have to play well to win."

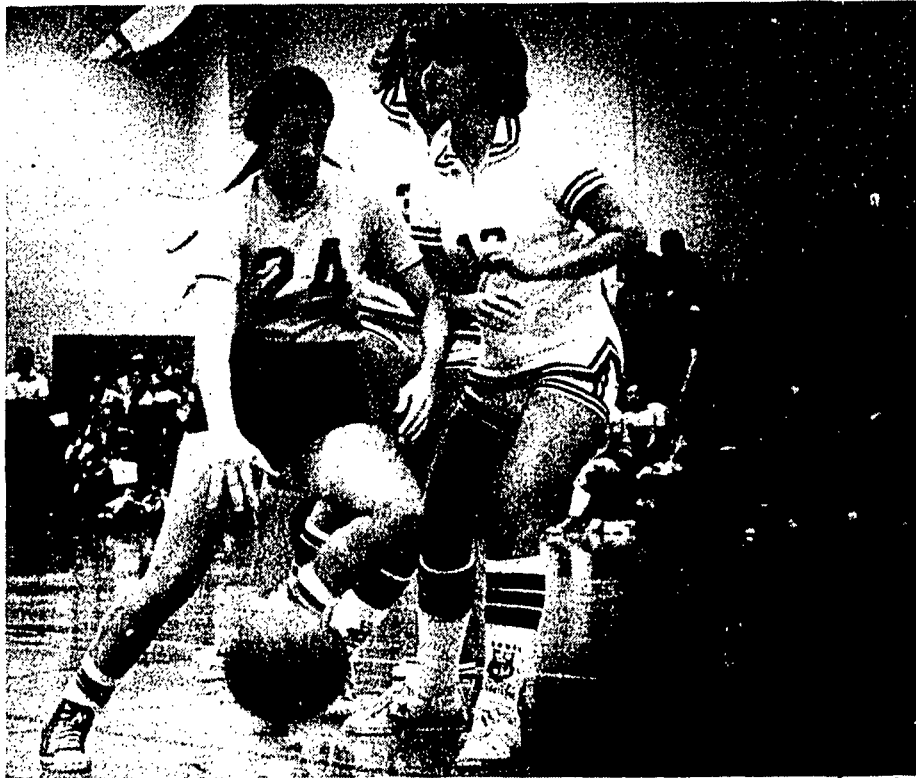


Photo by Dave Gieseke

Freshman guard Bev Wimer guards a St. Louis player in the 'Kittens opening game. The 'Kittens went on to defeat St. Louis 99-48 and achieved three other victories in the Turkey Tournament.

ON THE SIDELINES

by Dave Gieseke

Last spring the Board of Regents discontinued the swimming program along with gymnastics and golf. But the swim team is trying to make a comeback.

The newly formed swim club will host their first meet of the year Dec. 2 as Graceland College comes to NWMSU to compete. Then next semester, the club will travel to Graceland in a return match.

But in order for the club to travel to Graceland and other meets, they must have money, so the club will sponsor a swimathon Dec. 7. For one hour a member of the club will be swimming and will try to complete as many lengths as possible. Students and faculty alike can pledge as much or as little as they want per length.

If the club can raise enough money, then they will be able to go and compete in the various tournaments. According to Mike Bond, they stand a good chance of winning some tournaments.

If the club can win a couple of tournaments then maybe the administration will finally get a pool built for the campus and its team.

Students are willing to put the program back in the books.

It is now in the administration's hands.

Just what went wrong for the 'Cats?

What went wrong for the Bearcat football team in 1978?

What caused the team that was .500 a year ago to fall to an 0-11 mark, the worst since 1968?

Young, inexperienced players seems to be one factor that was against the 'Cats all year. At the beginning of the year only four seniors were on the starting units. In the 'Cats last game, only three seniors started and they were all in the offensive backfield.

"We had a lot of young, inexperienced players along both sides of the line," Coach Jim Redd said.

Another factor in the 'Cats record was their schedule. In non-conference action 'Cats played three conference champs and one, Nebraska-Omaha, advanced to the national playoffs.

"It was the hardest schedule we have ever had here," Redd said.

What kind of effect did the season have on the players and coaches?"

"It was a great learning experience. I've learned more this year than I've learned any other year I've played," Dan Scheible said.

"Now that it is over, it wasn't so bad," Ted Goudge said. "I learned to bounce

back week after week. I finally got to the point where I learned to cope with it."

Lance Corbin agrees with Goudge.

"It was a great learning experience."

"The biggest thing was that I learned to enjoy the game more," he said. "I didn't get down on anybody. We (the team) got close and hung in there until the end."

"0-11 was a tough year," Redd said. "It was hard on everyone associated with the

team, but the season was not as disastrous as the record indicated. There were good things that happened this year."

One of those good things was that the inexperienced players have now gained some experience and will be back next year.

"I feel that even though this year was unsuccessful that next year will be a better year because the whole team stuck together this year. We'll get better with experience," Dave Toti said.

"We have a lot of folks coming back and there is no reason we have to stay 0-11," Redd said.

"I guess injuries and inexperience were our main problems."

One of those young lineman, Tony Jennings, a sophomore said, "We didn't do well because the line was so young, I guess injuries and inexperience were our main problems."

Injuries did play a major part in the 'Cats season. Throughout the year the 'Cats suffered eight knee injuries. Two of the injured players were seniors Steve Anderson and Shawn Francis.

"We had so many injuries that we were forced to go with our younger players," Redd said.

The 'Cats did not suffer just knee injuries though. Senior quarterback Kirk Mathews was forced to the bench in at least two games. In the Nebraska-Omaha game, which the 'Cats lost 52-0, 'Cat Back Wayne Allen was thought to have a broken neck. Allen proved the coaches wrong though and bounced back to gain all-conference mention.



Photo by Ben Holder

Senior Bearcat quarterback Kirk Mathews confers with Coaches Jim Redd and Dave Evans during a game. Mathews, who was named to the first team, led the conference in total

'Bearcats claim conference honors

Senior quarterback Kirk Mathews led five other Bearcats on the all-conference team.

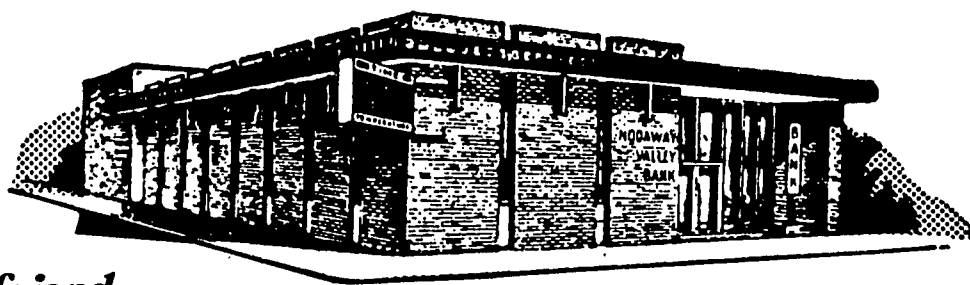
Mathews, who was named to the first team, was the conference leader in total offense and passing. He had an individual game high this season of 21 completions and topped the 200-yard mark in passing against Southwest Missouri State, Missouri-Rolla and Northeast Missouri State. Mathews ended his career with 10 school records.

Three Bearcats received second-team honors. Brad Boyer was the league's second leading pass receiver with 37 catches for 517 yards. Running back Dan Montgomery was third in the league in receiving with 35 receptions.

The other 'Cat to gain second-team honors was linebacker Rick Tate. Tate, who was the team leader in tackles, set a school single season record for defensive points. He topped the record set last year by Marty Albertson.

'Cat back Wayne Allen and safety Dave Toti gained honorable mention recognition. This is the second time Allen has been named to the all-conference team while Toti makes his first appearance. He was voted the Don Black Memorial Trophy as the outstanding Bearcat in the Homecoming game.

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LETTERS FROM READERS

NEED FOR INTERACTION ON CAMPUS

Dear Editor,

"There will never be a really free and enlightened State until the State comes to recognize the individual as a higher and independent power, from which all its own power and authority are derived, and treats him accordingly."

-Henry David Thoreau-

This statement encompasses the administration of NWMSU. I often wonder if they consider the student, who is the source of their income in their decisions. You'd never know by the way letters, from faculty and students, are ignored by the administration or by the consideration we are given concerning the expenditures of our University funds, and changing policies which govern our campus and so our lives. I've read several "Letters to the Editor" in the *Missourian* directed toward the administration in general, and some directly at Dr. Owens. However, I've not seen or heard of Dr. Owens' response. I feel there should be much more interaction between the students of this institution, its faculty, and the administration. This semester is almost over but the Spring semester will be here shortly and it is traditionally time to start anew.

Jordana Arnold
Student, concerned citizen and tax payer

JOURNALISTS DENIED RECOGNITION

Dear Editor,

At the beginning of the year, the *Northwest Missourian* recognized a couple of fraternities for awards. However, we feel it is a pretty poor state of affairs when the *Missourian* cannot take time or find space to include an article about a national award won by an honorary organization.

Society for Collegiate Journalists received the Edward E. McDonald Award for the outstanding chapter in the nation, two months ago. We were recognized at the meeting during the National Collegiate Press Association convention in Houston, Texas, but have not been recognized in our own University's newspaper. As officers of this organization, we'd like to know why the delay? Why did it take the *Missourian* over a month to get a reporter on the story and why hasn't it been in the paper?

There are a few members of the organization that have worked hard to make it good. A few of us made an effort to make Journalism Day a success--all that we want is a little recognition for our effort. The *Missourian* did a good job of covering J-Day, but what we don't understand is why they put off a newsworthy story for two months. Journalists make the news too, but why doesn't it get in the paper?

Laura Wildmer, president
Beth Ceplerley, vice-president

DISGUST OVER PARKING BOOTS

Dear Editor,

In relation to Dwight Lane's letter commenting on the way campus security screws the student out of the very little students have.

During the past summer when I was visiting the campus I parked my car in the visitor's parking because I considered myself a student. When I returned to my car, I found those damned boots on my car. I'm glad I wasn't in a hurry to go anywhere special, because it took about a half-hour to get those irritating things off. If they are finding it hard to pay all those security officers then why don't they lay some of them off until they find a more sensible way to pay them (the so called security officers.)

Finally, I sure as hell hope somebody is getting rich off of the not so rich students with these stupid fines.

Sincerely, [I think]
John Greenleaf
P.S. Since this is state property is it really legal to put these boots on?

SPORTS EDITOR DEFENDED

Dear Editor,

There's a story about a public relations man who said his hunting dog could walk on water when fetching a downed duck in the middle of the lake. This man, wanting to show off his dog, took the sports editor of the local newspaper hunting with him. When the editor saw the dog walk on water, he said, "That dog can't swim, can he?" The moral of the story is: public relations people perceive things differently than sports editors.

What is the role of a sports editor? Is he supposed to separate the wheat from the chaff and print the chaff? Or, should he print the wheat? And what if there ain't hardly no wheat to speak of?

Since none of us has the time to go back and examine every article on the football team written by the *Missourian's* sports editor to determine whether his reports were irresponsible, overly-negative, etc., and since criticisms of his performance came from a professional public relations man (paid to print wheat) Vinnie Vaccaro, and were not responded to when good responses can and should be made, I would like to provide some information that might help us to analyze the sports editor's performance.

Vinnie Vaccaro says, "...but perhaps if our team got encouragement from you instead of criticism every week, it might help." He assumes that an editor is supposed to cheer up, to spread joy, to lead the applause. Journalists are not cheerleaders.

Vaccaro also says: "These athletes work hard...only to have one of their classmates print week after week what a bunch of losers they are." This is a popular criticism these days. When the news is bad, blame the messenger who brings it. This also assumes that because football players failed to score more points than their opponents, they would equate this with their own self-worth. I know football players are smarter than that. They know that not to succeed in a game or a season is NOT to fail as a person. "It is simply not being successful with that particular trial at that particular present moment," as Wayne Dyer put it in *Your Erroneous Zones* [p. 134].

Moreover, the criticisms of the sports editor assume that a news report is the same as a personal column. The sports editor wears two hats (reporter and news commentator) and this is ethical if it is clear to the reader which hat he is wearing. Gieseke acts as a news analyst or commentator in his column labeled "On the Sidelines". He does not have to be objective or even fair. He makes an informed judgment. Will our opinion of the sports editor depend upon the news he reports? It shouldn't. The real question here is: do public relations men eat Wheaties and believe their bosses walk on water?

Rich Breiner

CHANGES AFFECT STUDENT'S LIFESTYLE

Dear Editor,

I am a senior at NWMSU and have seen many changes in my four years. Few changes on campus, whether good or bad, have affected me to the point where I must change my lifestyle. Until the renovation of "The Den" took place.

The Spanish Den, as it is called now, is a beautiful room and a job well done, but by making it a nicer place to sit, they have ruined one of the social gathering places for Greeks and Independents alike.

Being a member of the so called (now defunct) "Denology" club, I have noticed that the Spanish Den is not in use. On recent trips to the room, the only persons sitting there were Mr. Brailey and a few scattered students trying to study in the new dim lighting. A brief minute to reminisce causes me to remember the days when you had to stand because all the chairs were taken, card games and a casual chat with a counterpart about the previous evening's endeavors. Sure, the Greeks had their side and the Independents had theirs, but you were free to sit where you wanted, instead of forced integration which is upon us now.

Another change taken place in "The Den" was the "No Smoking" signs. I don't smoke but maybe an occasional cigar but if the students can't smoke then why can our illustrious Security leader smoke freely? He's no better than the rest of us.

I am asking the Administration to reconsider the hours that are posted in the Den and Saga will testify that student use of the Den has declined considerably. I would also like to see the leaders of this school following some of the ridiculous rules they ask us to follow, such as no smoking, one way streets and parking lot assignments. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Steve Knudsen
Sigma Tau Gamma

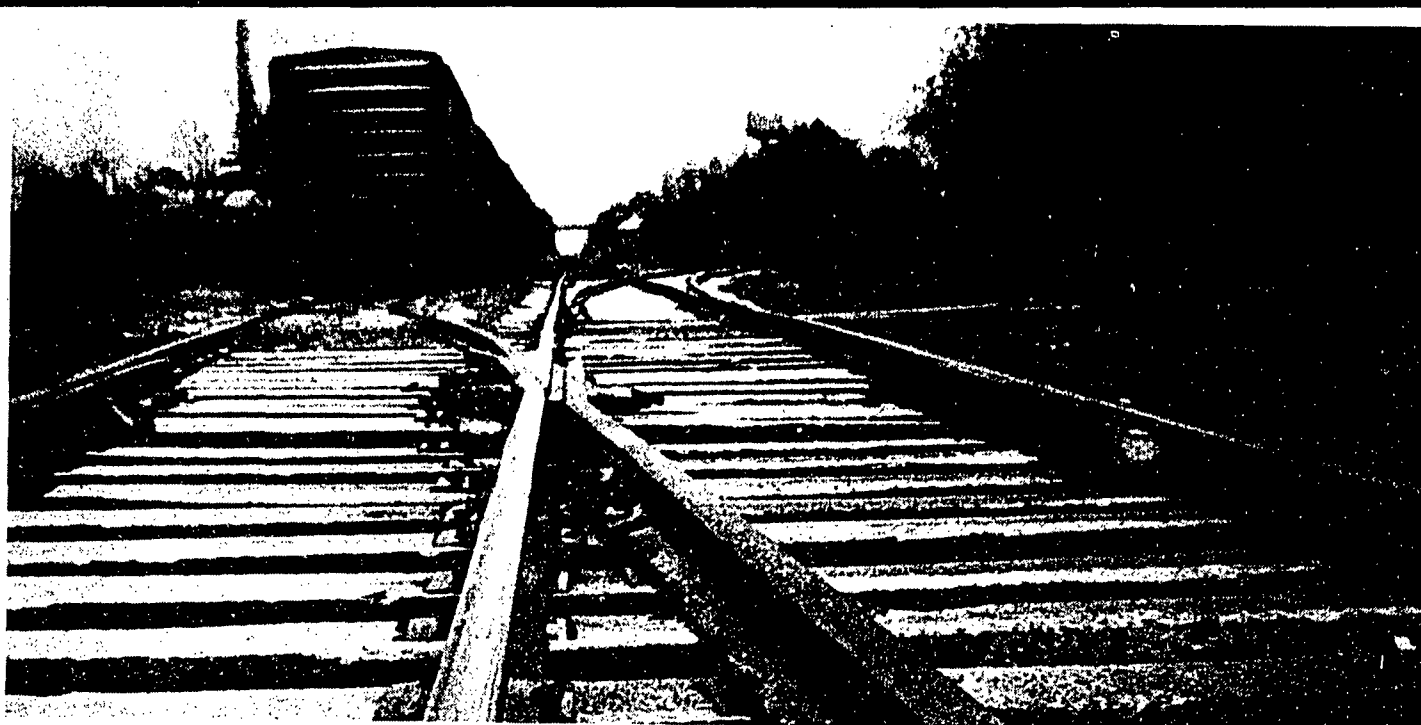


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In focus

Echoing the lines of an old Jimmie Rodgers song, "All along the railroad track, waiting for a train, thousand miles away from home, waiting for a train," one can feel the lonely desperation of the stranded wanderer who patiently awaits a train.

Quality high despite low salaries

The faculty pay at NWMSU is low.

That's nothing new. The faculty members have known this fact for a long time. They are reminded of this situation every time they receive a paycheck.

What does make this statement newsworthy and important is that the administration is beginning to take action to resolve the problem of low wages.

President B.D. Owens has labeled salaries as a "very high priority." Last year a merit system was established which, in years to come, should promote good teaching techniques and high educational standards for the NWMSU faculty members.

Although some good teachers have probably been lost to other universities with more financial backing, students at NWMSU should not feel they are not getting their money's worth at the University.

The faculty here are no less educated or less able to conduct their scheduled classes than those at other universities.

Their qualifications at NWMSU are the same qualifications that would enable them to teach at the other universities.

The only difference is the pay.

If the administration continues to be attentive to the salary problem and works constructively towards solving it, in time the faculty's salaries will reach the national average.

President Owens said, "For \$190, an education at NWMSU is a bargain."

No matter how inexpensive it may seem, college students have a right to want the most for their money. And this includes their education.

But the NWMSU students have no real reason to question the competency and educational standings of the faculty members.

Although the faculty salaries were ranked very low in a recent survey, NWMSU has a fine staff with excellent academic standings.

After all, it's not the size of the paycheck that distinguishes an excellent educator from an average one.

The Stroller

Along with the good times of college life come the bad. College is not all hunky-dory with the days of wine and roses and the nights of Kaopectate.

Your Stroller, by nature, is a healthy fellow. Besides Monday morning blues, the only sickness he's ever experienced is the morning-after hangover. However, that little nurd Vinnie Virus (VV) visited your Campus Carouser this week causing your Hero to set up camp in the john.

It all started on your basic Monday, at least VV didn't hit over the weekend. After having a wrestling match with his sheets, your Hero fell out of bed anxiously awaiting another week of school. (Contrary to popular belief, your Stroller enjoys going to classes to cast his baby blues on the fair young damsels in class.) After picking himself up off the floor, your Hero hit the deck again. Upon awakening, he looked up ready to punch out whoever had caused his fall, but there was no one around. Gadzooks, he must have passed out!

Not knowing if this was a life or death situation at hand, your Stroller got dressed and crawled to the elevator. He was ready to put his life in the hands of Dr. Diz. Needless to say, your Stroller got the stares on the elevator. One bimbo stepped on his hand. Far be it from your Hero to hurt the guy, so he just bit his knee, crawled off the elevator and headed for the phones.

Realizing the need for a shuttle bus service on campus and further realizing there was no way in Hades there'd ever be one, your Stroller called the next best thing--Curt's Cab to deliver him to the Health Center. Upon his arrival, your Hero signed in and crawled to the couch. But there was one problem, the place was packed, there was no room on the couch. It was for the best because VV had started the artillery raid on his bod' and your Hero had to make a bee line for the co-ed john. Scampering on all fours, your nauseous Hero informed the nurse that when his name was called he could be reached in there.

Four hours and 32 flushes later, your Hero's number was called.

After going through the basic examination, your Hero anxiously awaited the Doc's diagnosis.

"Give it to me straight Doc. I can take it," your Stroller said, being quite a little trooper about the whole ordeal.

"You have a virus."

"Is that all? Nothing else? Not even a little strep throat?"

My, oh my, but your Hero was embarrassed. But my, oh my, he was feeling lousier by the second.

"We'll just give you a shot, some Kaopectate, a little penicillin and you'll be up and around in no time."

A shot! No way. He'd have to get a cherry lollipop if he went through with it. Oh well, your Hero thought, it would make him better and ready to party for the weekend.

So your Stroller complied with the Doc's wishes and started to roll up his sleeve.

"Not there," said Doc, "in the derriere."

Cringing from embarrassment, not even to mention the pain, your Hero dropped his drawers and bent over. It was going to take at least three cherry lollipops to get over this one.

Hoping to escape any more embarrassment, your wounded Hero limped out of the Health establishment rubbing his inflicted area. However, luck was not with your Hero. While slowly scurrying back to the safe confines of his room, your Stroller ran into a fair young damsel he'd had his baby blues on for quite some time.

"Hey Stroller, what's going on?" she cooed. What a babe!

Actually it was not what was going on, but what was coming up. Not wanting to lose last night's supper all over this fair young co-ed your Hero made a mad dash to the nearest john. Oh well, such is life, thought your Hero. Perhaps he'd meet another fair young damsel in the drug store to share his virus with.

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